## Contents

List of Maps, vii Introduction, ix Note on Terms, xv

ONE Origins: A Culture of Encounter and Contact, 1

Two Between Memory and History: Syriac Christianity up to the 4th Century, 25

THREE The Solitaries: Monastic Networks and the Retreat from the World, 61

FOUR God as Teacher: A Culture of Knowledge, 83

FIVE Missionary Communities: Syriac Christianity in Asia, 113

SIX Separations and Flourishing: 5th–9th Centuries, 140 vi CONTENTS

## SEVEN Traditions and New Influences: 10th–14th Centuries, 176

EIGHT Diaspora and Encounters with the West: 15th-21st Centuries, 204

Glossary, 233
Chart of Syriac Churches by Christology, 237
Chronology, 241
Bibliography, 257
References for Excerpts, 264
Index, 271